

HARLAND MATHEWS

Harlan Mathews is currently the Senior Partner in the Nashville office of the law firm, Farris, Mathews, Branam, Bobango & Hellen.

Prior to joining the law firm, Mr. Mathews served two years in the United States Senate, replacing then Senator Albert Gore, Jr. upon his election as Vice-President in 1993. Mr. Mathews did not choose to run for a full term in the Senate.

Senator Mathews, a fiscal conservative, spent most of his life in public service in the State of Tennessee. He began his career as a member of the State Planning Staff working with cities and counties and very rapidly moved into accounting, budgeting and financial management of Tennessee state government. He served ten years as Commissioner of Finance and Administration. In 1974, he was elected Treasurer of the State of Tennessee, and was re-elected to this position for six consecutive two-year terms before being chosen by Governor Ned McWherter to serve as Deputy to the Governor and Cabinet Secretary, a position he held for six years.

Mr. Mathews served on the Foreign Relations, Energy and Natural Resources and Commerce, Science and Transportation Committees while in the U.S. Senate. His efforts were focused primarily on trade matters. He sponsored a Senate Resolution emphasizing the importance of trade relations between the United States and Asia Pacific countries.

Senator Mathews was born in Sumiton, Alabama, and upon graduation from high school in that state, enlisted in the U.S. Navy in the World War II effort. Returning from service in 1946, he enrolled in Jacksonville State University in Alabama: upon graduation he accepted a scholarship to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his Masters in Political Science (Public Administration). He attended The Nashville School of Law and passed the Tennessee Bar in 1962.

Harlan Mathews and his wife Pat reside in Nashville, Tennessee. He has two sons, one residing in Bowling Green, Kentucky and the other in Knoxville, Tennessee. Two granddaughters, Katie and Emily, reside in Knoxville.